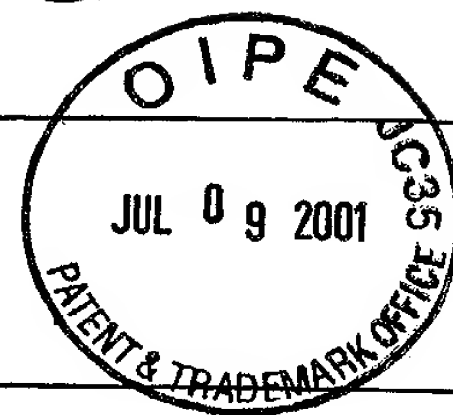


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1. In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with the procedures of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609, attorneys for Applicants hereby bring the following references (cited in the background section of the specification of the application) to the attention of the Examiner. The references are listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.
2. In accordance with the Commissioner's comments to the new rules at 1135 Off. Gaz. Pat. Off. 14 (February 14, 1992), an English language version of a foreign patent office Search Report is submitted in satisfaction of the requirement of a concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English reference.
3. A copy of each patent, publication or other information listed on the modified PTO form 1449 is enclosed.

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